

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 620

By Womack

A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor Joe B. Jackson of Murfreesboro
on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in
their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion;
and

WHEREAS, Joe B. Jackson is one such outstanding person who has served with
alacrity and acuity for 16 years as the Mayor of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, born in Dekalb County and raised in Chattanooga, Mr. Jackson attended
Chattanooga Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Joe Jackson proudly defended his country in World War II by serving in the
Third Marine Division in the Pacific Theater for two years; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Jackson attended Middle Tennessee State University on an
athletic scholarship, where he demonstrated his athletic prowess in all three major sports; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in
business administration and was elected President of the Associated Student Body; and

WHEREAS, Joe was also listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*;
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WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson graduated from the Nashville School of Law and after
graduation, chose to go into the construction business; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson began his meritorious public service career thirty years ago, when he won a seat on the Murfreesboro City Council; and

WHEREAS, Joe's exemplary work on the City Council resulted in his being chosen Vice Mayor in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Joe Jackson won his first term as Mayor of Murfreesboro, and since then he has been a role model for all mayors to emulate; and

WHEREAS, throughout his meritorious public service career, Mayor Jackson has served on numerous professional boards and commissions, including the City School Board, the Water and Sewer Board, the Recreation Commission and several other municipal boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Mayor Jackson was elected "Mayor of the Year" for the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson has been a stalwart member of the Tennessee Municipal League, serving admirably as a past president and president of the Tennessee Municipal League's Bond Board for the state; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Mayor Jackson was elected to the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities, representing 1800 member cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, he also served astutely on the National League of Cities' Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Mayor Jackson is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife of 49 years, Frances Hickerson Jackson, their three daughters and their three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING,
That we extend to Mayor Joe B. Jackson our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement
and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.